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Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers, I offer myself as a candidate for re-election as Alderman for above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

j6 A. STEWART.

To the Electors of Central Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of ratepayers I have decided to offer myself as candidate for Central Ward, and having the time at my disposal to devote to the affairs of the city, I hope in some measure if elected to be of service to the ratepayers. Soliciting your vote and influence

Yours respectfully,

P. C. MACGREGOR.

To the Electors of Central Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—By a numerously signed requisition of a number of influential voters, I have consented to become a candidate as Alderman for your ward, and respectfully ask your votes and influence at the coming civic election.

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NOTICE.

The Silver Hustler Mining Company, Limited Liability.

The ordinary general meeting of the Company will be held on Monday, the 17th day of January 1898, at 3 p.m., at 108 Government street (formerly Wheelmen's Club rooms), Victoria, B. C. Business: Election of trustees and auditors, consideration of accounts, balance sheet, trustee and auditor's reports

ROBT. H. SWINERTON,
ja6 Secretary Treasurer.

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New Advertisements continued on page Two.

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TRADE MUST SUFFER

Through the Refusal of the Minister of Railways to Approve C.P.R. Plans.

Burglars Obtain Possession of Ancient Coins Pronounced of Priceless Value.

Fire in Ottawa University—Crow's Nest Commissioners Coming to the West.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company cannot secure from Hon. Mr. Blair the approval required by law of their plans for a proposed independent line from Robson to Rossland, hence Eastern merchants are crippled in their efforts to secure trade with Rossland. They say the Canadian Pacific railway rates are all right, but that the exorbitant rates charged by Heinze's railway from Trail to Rossland are simply paralyzing.

A serious fire occurred at Ottawa University this morning, as a result of which the eastern wing was badly gutted and the beautiful chapel greatly damaged; the total loss is in the vicinity of $40,000, covered by insurance. Rev. Father Tallon, the rector, says the fire will not affect the reopening of the college, which takes place on Friday.

The National Art Gallery, which is in charge of Hon. Mr. Tarte's department, was burglarized last night and a case of old coins of priceless value, presented to the government many years ago by Col. Falkland, was stolen. Some of the coins are over two thousand years old.

A deputation from Essex county and Detroit, acting in the interest of the Standard Oil Company, saw the government to-day and protested against the proposed export duty on natural gas.

Commissioners Dugas and Pedley, who will investigate the complaints of workmen on the Crow's Nest railway, leave for the West next week.

The directors of the Commonwealth Syndicate of British Columbia were here to-day to secure Dominion recognition and aid. The cabinet was waited upon by at least 25 capitalists interested in the syndicate, formed to build a stage route and telegraph line from Edmonton across to Dawson City. They ask Dominion incorporation and government encouragement. Their route is laid out to the head waters of the Pelly river from Edmonton.

SYMPATHY FROM THE SOVEREIGN

Her Majesty the Queen Extends Commiseration to Afflicted London.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain by desire of the Queen expresses Her Majesty's deep regret at the sad accident at London, and her sincere condolence with the sufferers and families there who have been bereaved. The Colonial Secretary of State also asks Lord Aberdeen to convey his own deep sympathy with the sufferers.

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

Half Rates on Seed Grain—Police Reinforcements for Skagway and the Trails.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 5.—The C.P.R., as in previous years, will this year handle seed grain in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories at one-half the regular freight rates. A circular dealing with the matter is to be issued this week.

Another party of 24 Northwest Mounted Police will leave Regina next week for Skagway.

E. Dodge, a well-known city contractor, has assigned.

A Liberal convention for West Algoma will be held at Rat Portage on January 31.

ENGLAND IN EGYPT.

Major General Gatacre to Command White Forces Only—An Offer of Maltese Troops.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—It developed to-day that Major General William Forbes Gatacre, K.C.B., had been ordered to Egypt to assume command of the British troops only, and not to command the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Soudan, as at first believed.

VALLETTA, Island of Malta, Jan. 5.—Four members of the council have cabled to the Marquis of Salisbury, renewing their offer to assist in the military requirements of Egypt by raising a thousand Maltese for general military service.

J. J. Shallcross and James Macaulay, returned from the mainland last evening.

Wm. Gidley, manager of the Cowichan mill, is in the city and is a guest at the Dominion.

HOME ONCE MORE.

President and Manager of Molson's Bank Return to Montreal from British Columbia.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—Mr. Macpherson, president of Molson's bank, and Mr. Thomas, general manager, returned today from a visit to Manitoba and the Northwest. It has been decided to open branches at Victoria, Vancouver, Revelstoke and Edmonton. Bank premises in each case have been secured.

AN IMPORTANT PRONOUNCEMENT.

Sir Charles Tupper to Enunciate the Conservative Policy at Carberry To-Morrow.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 5.—It is stated that Sir Charles Tupper will, at the banquet to be tendered him on Friday at Carberry, enunciate the policy of his party at the coming session of the Dominion house.

ASSERTION AND DENIAL.

Manitoba and Ontario Ministers Said to Be Interested in Peculiar Railway Promotion.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—Nothing is known here about the report that Premier Greenway has abandoned his Duluth railway scheme. It was reported from Winnipeg that the minister had been in conference with the Ontario government about the construction of a line to parallel the Canadian Pacific to Lake Superior, part of it running through the States. A leading member of the government here denies the truth of the report. He says the Ontario government has not discussed such a scheme.

THE STATESMAN'S STANDARD.

Postmaster-General Mulock Charged by the Mail-Empire With Disgracing His Office.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The Mail-Empire again editorially calls upon Postmaster-General Mulock to resign from the government, owing to his connection with the Farmers' Loan Company failure, saying this course would have been adopted without suggestion by a British statesman. The Mail also again protests editorially against the United States' military expeditions to the Yukon being admitted within Canadian borders.

INTER-PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY.

Commissioners Busy Determining the Line Between Manitoba and Ontario.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The commissioners on the delimitation of the boundary between Manitoba and Ontario have just returned from a three months' survey of the new boundary line. The region traversed is a sixty mile stretch between the north end of Lake of the Woods and the Winnipeg river. The commissioners marked out a sixty mile road, due north from the Lake of the Woods, with mile stones.

SOMEWHAT OVERSTATED.

Although the Ubanghi Natives Gave Ample Evidence of Their Will.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Another letter from an officer of the Marchand expedition—now understood to be advancing northward along the Nile—indicates that the report of the massacre of the expedition arose from the massacre of twenty Sengalese riflemen and an officer, M. Paul Comte, belonging to the expedition, by natives on the river Ubanghi, who were subsequently punished by a French armed steamer.

PREMIUM ON HERRING THIEVING.

Assistant Secretary Howell Gives a Ruling for the Benefit of the Herring Poachers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Assistant Secretary Howell has decided that herring taken off the coast of Newfoundland and brought into the ports of the United States in American vessels should be admitted free of duty.

In his letter to the collector of customs at Boston, the assistant secretary says that while the question as to the liability of these fish to duty may not be entirely free from doubt, yet in view of the long-established practice at the port of Gloucester, of which it must be presumed congress has had full knowledge, and as the law applicable thereto has not been changed by recent legislation, these fish should continue to be admitted as though taken in American waters.

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A ONE-SIDED BARGAIN.

Germany's Agreement With China for Holding Kiaochou Favorable to Fatherland.

Prospect of an Anglo-Japanese Alliance Received With Favor in the Mikado's Domain.

Canny Mr. McLeary Brown Still Master of the Finances in the Hermit Kingdom.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The cession of Kiaochou Bay to Germany takes the form of a lease for an indefinite time. Germany is at liberty to erect on the ceded territory all the necessary buildings and establishments and to take the measures required for their protection.

The Reichsanzeiger says the ceded territory comprises the whole of the inner basin of Kiaochou Bay so far as the high water line, the larger headlands situate south and north of the entrance of the bay to the point where they are bounded by mountain ranges, and also the islands situated within and in front of the bay.

The ceded territory comprises an area of several square miles bounded by a larger zone around the bay, within which no measures or arrangements may be made by China without the consent of Germany.

Finally it is provided that "in order to avoid conflicts which might disturb the good understanding between the two powers," China has transferred to Germany for a period a lease of all sovereign rights over the ceded territory. The telegram does not state the length of the lease nor the amount payable by Germany.

If for any cause Kiaochou Bay should prove unsuitable for the objects Germany has in view, China, after arriving at an understanding with Germany, will cede the latter at another point of the coast, a piece of territory which Germany may regard as more suitable for her purpose, in which case China will take over the buildings and establishments constructed by Germany at Kiaochou Bay, and will refund their cost.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A special despatch from Shanghai to-day says that Mr. McCleavy Brown, the British Korean customs agent at Seoul, maintains a firm hold on his position, and that M. Alexieff, the Russian agent, who has been endeavoring to supplant the Englishman, has been unable to obtain control of the finances, owing to the fact that all the funds are vested in Mr. Brown's name in the Hongkong bank at Shanghai, which institution honors Mr. Brown's signature only.

The negotiations between Sir Claude M. McDonald, the British minister at Peking, and the Chinese foreign office, with reference to the questions arising from the Russian occupation of Port Arthur are proceeding. The idea of an alliance with Great Britain is reported to have excited intense enthusiasm in Japan. The Marquis Ito's cabinet, it is added, will endeavor to promote an Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "The rumor that Russia has ordered nearly all the material for the Manchurian railway in the United States is unfounded. She has only ordered thirteen locomotives. Most of the other material has been or will be ordered in Europe."

OBJECTION WAIVED.

The Prolongation of the Austro-Hungarian Compact Will Not Be Further Opposed.

VIENNA, Jan. 5.—The Kossuth party in the Hungarian parliament has withdrawn its obstruction to the passage of the bill providing for a provisional prolongation of the Austro-Hungarian compact.

A CALL FOR UNION.

Irishmen Invited to Sink All Petty Differences in Doing Honor to the Memory of Patriots.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A meeting of prominent Nationalists was held last evening, Mr. Michael Davit, M. P., presiding. A series of resolutions was adopted, associating those present with the coming celebration of the centenary of the Irish revolution, and calling upon Irishmen at home and abroad to abandon all party and sectional feeling, and to participate in honoring the patriots of 1798 for furthering the gospel of freedom for all nationalities, in which they nobly sacrificed their lives, and invoking divine aid in the efforts.

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HORROR IN ROSSLAND!

Superintendent Hall Meets a Terrible Death in the Shaft of the Le Roi Mine.

Misstep at the Surface Drops Him Six Hundred Feet — Mashed Beyond Recognition.

Lifelong Familiarity With Dangers of Mining Induced the Fatal Carelessness.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 5.—Capt. Wm. Hall, the superintendent of the Le Roi, was killed at 5:20 this evening by falling down the main shaft from the surface to the 600-foot level. The body was terribly injured by the fall, and the remains were hardly recognizable.

The Captain went underground about 4 o'clock this afternoon on his usual inspection of the mine. Arriving at the 600 foot level safely, he examined the progress being made in extending the shaft to the 700 foot level, and subsequently made a tour through the west drift at the 600 foot level. He then climbed into the west skip and was raised to the surface.

A moment later he stepped off the skip. What happened then will never be exactly known. The only witness was the engineer on duty at the time. He says that instead of getting off on the floor of the shaft house Capt. Hall stepped upon a ten inch beam that separated the compartments. He evidently slipped and was precipitated down the mine nearly 700 feet. The body is mashed beyond recognition.

Hall was born in Ireland and was 63 years of age. He had extensive experience as a mining man. An inquest will be held at 9:45 o'clock to-morrow morning in the city hall, and the body will be sent on the noon train to Spokane, where his family resides and where the funeral will take place.

RAILROAD CHARGES.

Rossland Explains the Misconstruction Evidenced in Despatches From the Capital.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 5.—The fact has become known here that the C.P.R. some time ago absorbed the rate charged by the Columbia and Western railway on freight from the East. This was done because the American transcontinental lines have absorbed the rate of the Corbin road, which gives them an entrance to Rossland. A despatch just received here from Ottawa that capitalists in the East, who are interested in Rossland are protesting against the Columbia and Western, high charges is a mistake, and does Rossland a great injustice.

LAURIER'S BROKEN PROMISE.

Definitely Decided That Another Than Francois Langelier Shall Govern Quebec.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Judge Jette confirms the report that he is to be appointed Lieut.-Governor of Quebec to succeed Sir Adolphe Chapleau. This morning Judge Jette was called on by a number of his colleagues on the bench and congratulated on his appointment. He will remain on the bench a few days longer in order to enable him to give judgment in a number of cases now pending.

A HOTEL SYNDICATE.

English Capital to Maintain Palatial Affairs in Canadian Cities.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5. — (Special) — An English syndicate has been formed to erect palatial hotels at various points in Canada under one management. The syndicate will erect hotels at Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls.

BONDING FOR YUKON.

Washington Reports That the Plan Has Not Yet Been Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Assistant Secretary Howell was to-day shown the announcement from Hon. Mr. Sifton, minister of the interior at Ottawa, that he had arranged for the passage of Canadian goods across American territory via Dyea and Skagway without inspection charges.

Mr. Howell said that the question was still before the department. It was the desire of Secretary Gage and himself to provide all reasonable customs facilities for the crossing of American territory by miners and others from one point in the British possessions to another en route to the Klondyke, but the plan had not yet been fully worked out. Regulations, however, would soon be prepared by which it was expected that the embarrassments incident to so complicated a situation would be reduced to a minimum.

THE SEALSKIN FOOLISHNESS.

Movement Already to Repeal the Unneighborly Law Directed Against Canada.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Johnson, of North Dakota, to-day introduced a bill to repeal the law which has just gone into effect relative to pelagic sealing and the importation of sealskins taken by pelagic sealers.

Dr. Shields, an eminent physician of Tennessee, says: "I regard Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best blood-medicine on earth, and I know of many wonderful cures effected by its use." Physicians all over the land have made similar statements.

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

PHYSICAL FORCE IN CHINA.

Since Germany Profit by It Other Powers Will Govern Themselves Accordingly.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A despatch to the Times from Pekin dated yesterday (Wednesday) says that Germany has taken a lease of Kiaochou for fifty years. It says also that reports are current there that a French occupation of Hainan island is imminent.

The Times says editorially this morning: "It would be simple to assume that the German despatch tells the whole story of the Chinese situation, for it quite omits to say what China gets in return. To the world at large, however, the material fact is that Germany by physical force has obtained a naval station. This is the fact that must guide other powers in determining their own policy.

"The talk of a lease is a mere saving of appearances. There is no doubt that both Germany and China are aware that it is a practical cession in full sovereignty. It provides a further argument in favor of an English guaranteed Chinese loan."

The morning paper editorials generally are in the same strain as that of the Times. They point out that the contract is one in which Germany apparently gets everything and China nothing, while the question of the safety of the missionaries is entirely dropped.

NO INTERNATIONAL POINT.

Trouble In the Greatest Show on Earth Over Wholesale Dismissals.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—According to an application made at Bow Street to-day by Walter Butler, described as a clown, and two others, there are 150 employees of Barnum & Bailey's circus who, after three weeks of unpaid rehearsals, have been dismissed with a week's notice. George Starr ridicules the story of being replaced by Yankee circus artists after the show was successfully started. He says the men dismissed were all incompetent, and he adds that they were paid during rehearsals and their places were filled by new hands. They were not replaced by Americans.

THE LONDON DEAD.

List Now Placed at Twenty, Without Likelihood of Any Additions.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The funerals of Ald. John Turner, James Harris and Noble Carrothers, victims of Monday's disaster, took place to-day. There was a large turn out in each case. It is now believed likely that no more deaths will occur.

Further information shows that three names on the list of dead should be taken off, viz., John Fellows, J. A. Stewart Harris and James McLean. This reduces the death list to exactly twenty.

GENERAL BIGGS DEAD.

Dysentery Adds Another Name to the Long List of Victims in India.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—According to a despatch from Peshawur, Major-General Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs, in command of the second division of the Tirah expedition on the northweet frontier of India, died on Tuesday of dysentery. The news is confirmed from various sources.

LAST MOVES IN THE GAME.

Unless the Attorneys for Durrant Are Successful Now Their Client Must Hang To-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Although the the attorneys for Theodore W. H. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, were considerably disconcerted by the denial of their application for a writ of habeas corpus, and permission to appeal therefrom in the United States circuit court to-day, they have yet two more moves, by which they hope to prevent the execution of their client on Friday. They are to appeal to the governor for a reprieve and to apply to the supreme court of the United States for an appeal from the circuit court decision denying the petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

Cardiff Steel Works.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—It is reported from Cardiff, Wales, that an American syndicate with a capital of £2,000,000 is about to purchase the Dowlais steel works and collieries there belonging to the Wimberne family.

Belgian Prince Coming.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says tha the nephew of King Leopold, of Belgium, Prince Albert Leopole, the heir presumptive to the Belgian throne, will make a long tour of the United States and Canada.

Jeweller Dead.

KINGSTON, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Isaac Mitchell, wholesale jeweller, died suddenly to-day of heart failure.

Hastings Conservatives.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The West Hastings Conservatives have nominated Mayor W. B. Harrison, of Toronto.

Jenks—"Doctor, I have a frequent and intense desire to kiss young and beautiful girls. Do you think I ought to get married?" His Doctor—"No; under those circumstances you'd better not get married."

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

"What's the matter wid Biggers?" asked the gentleman with the red shirt. "Thought he was always so radical in his beliefs and wanted the money of the country divided up evenly. Now he doesn't say a word." "Because," remarked the man with the Havana whiskers, "his uncle has just left him $100,000."

ED. LINES, General Scavenger 236 Yates street.—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munro's, 89 Government street; Speed Bros., corner Douglas and Fort; or Blair & Gordon, corner Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to de

COMSTOCK'S CHARACTER.

The New York Gentleman Prude Objects to Being Called a Blackmailer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The hearing of the long pending suit for $50,000 damages for defamation of character brought by Anthony Comstock, of the society for the suppression of vice, against Dr. M. R. Leverson of Fort Hamilton, began to-day in the United States Circuit court. During an altercation between Comstock and Leverson at the New York Central depot in Albany on February 19, 1896, the physician is accused of having made the following public declaration:

"Ladies and gentlemen: This man is Anthony Comstock, a notorious blackmailer, who never turned an honest dollar in his life."

The suit for damages is based on the above statement, which Comstock to-day swore is untrue and had injured his character and reputation. On the stand to-day Dr. Leverson said that he believed what he said to Comstock to be true then and does so still. Dr. Foote, who was with Doctor Leverson at the time of the altercation at Albany depot, testified that Comstock had first called Doctor Leverson a "liar, vilifier and old scoundrel." Then Dr. Leverson retorted by calling Comstock a blackmailer, who had never earned an honest dollar in his life.

"There was a hot time between the two men for a few minutes," continued Dr. Foote, "and then Comstock caused Dr. Leverson's arrest."

The case will be continued to-morrow.

A WARRIOR BAND.

Anti-Arbitration Association Formed in New York, with a Collection.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A meeting of the Anti-British Alliance Association was held here to-night, the object being to wage war against any treaty on arbitration that might be proposed between this country and the British Empire. The desire to enlist all local opponents of arbitration, to promote the establishment of branches throughout the country and to organize a popular petition to congress from every state in the union, protesting against any Anglo-American alliance in any form. Robert E. Ford is president of the association, and he, together with several other officials, was appointed a committee to secure the cooperation of the newspapers and to invite other nationalities to join the association in fighting the arbitration treaty. A number of speeches were made and a collection taken up for expenses in circulating petitions.

To Try Again.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Eduard Taylor, the little Frenchman who was defeated by Michael, to-day was matched against Frank Starbuck. The race will be run on a Philadelphia track, January 15.

MOVEMENTS ON 'CHANGE.

The Bulls Have an Inning in the New York Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The stock market got away from the bears in the later dealings to-day, and closed buoyant and very active. Some specialties were strong throughout the day, but there was a period in the early session when the reactionists seemed to have gained control, some of the Southern and Southwestern stocks being sold down a point and over. Some early heaviness was manifest amongst prominent railroad stocks, which may have been due to sympathy with depression for the same stocks in London and on European bourses.

Closing prices: American Tobacco, 89¼; Am. Sugar, 141; do. pfd., 115¾; Am. Spirits, 8½; Atch., 12⅝; do. pfd., 30; B. & O., 13⅞; C. B. & Q., 98¾; Chicago Gas, 95⅝; C. & N. W., 120½; C. R. I. & P., 88⅝; C. M. & St. P., 93⅝; Cons. Gas, N.Y., 177; Gen. Elec., 34; J. C., 95½; Laclede Gas, com., 44½; L. & N., 55; Man., 111⅝; Mo. Pac., 32¾; Natl. Lead, 36½; N. Y., 20¾; do. pfd., 58¾; N. Y. C., 107; O. & W., 15¾; Omaha, 75¼; P. & R., 21⅞; S. R. pfd., 30½; U. P., 25⅝; Wab., 7½; do. pfd., 38⅞; W. U., 90½; C. P. R. in London, 84¾; Commercial Cable, in Montreal, 180¼. Wheat closed as follows: No. 2 red, Jan., 97⅝; Feb., 97⅛; March, 96¾; May, 92⅝; July, 86¾.

Pig iron, dull; Southern, $10 to $11.25; Northern, $10.50 to $12.25.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 28, 1897.

The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier.

DEAR SIR—For some months past I have frequently been asked by writers of the press to furnish information respecting the Pacific cable. I have been so applied to as it is well known that I have long felt the deepest interest in the project, having been appointed by the Canadian government to take part in the Colonial conferences of 1887 and 1894, and in the Imperial committee of 1896. I have invariably declined to comply with the request from the feeling that it was distinctly understood that the proceedings of the investigation by the Imperial committee should be treated as confidential until made public by Her Majesty's government. I have in consequence felt debarred from alluding either to the evidence obtained by the committee or to the conclusions submitted in their report, or in the special reports presented to the Canadian government by the Canadian commissioners and by myself.

These several documents were presented nearly twelve months ago; since then questions have arisen, which were not considered by the Imperial committee, and many important facts are obtainable from other sources, explanations respecting which should, I conceive, be communicated to the public.

Since the Imperial committee closed its investigation the conference of Colonial premiers has been held in London. Among other matters the Pacific cable was brought before this conference, and from what has transpired the subject was complicated by a new proposition having been submitted by the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. Consequently the consideration of the project was deferred. Six months have since elapsed, and I feel called upon to make known some facts and explanations bearing on the questions which, in my humble judgment, the public should understand. I trust you will approve of the information being given to the public in the form I have now to submit to you. I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

SANDFORD FLEMING.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Everywhere it is apparent that the British Empire is being formed by a process of growth and development and there are many forces actively in operation, all tending to give it shape and strength and distinctive character. Lofty ideals are entertained by men of thought, experience and patriotism; but the future is veiled from us, and we cannot foretell the precise form of relationship which will eventually be assumed by members of the British family of nations in so many meridians of longitude.

If the form of the development to be attained is not clearly foreseen, it can at least be said that the entire British people in all parts of the globe are inspired by a unity of sentiment, and that they are simultaneously moving onwards in one general direction. Progress is the watchword in all quarters. It is impossible not to recognize the advancement perceptible in the colonies of the southern seas and equally the amazing vitality in British Africa. The Dominion of Canada plays an important part in moulding the destiny of her own people and in promoting more intimate relationships between the motherland and the colonies.

It is but thirty years since the scattered provinces of British North America became federated in one government. The Dominion thus created inherited many remarkable advantages. It can lay claim to the most important geographical position, owing to its extension between the two great oceans; a position which confers the only means of establishing under the British flag communications between the eastern and western territories of the globe. I enjoys the possession of vast fields of the richest virgin soil, with still unexplored mineral regions of immense extent and presumably of immense value. The population retains the high qualities of the foremost nations of western Europe from which it has sprung, and the wide expanse of unoccupied areas leaves ample room for a large accession to its number. These rich possessions of the Dominion give promise under wise guidance of a splendid future.

It soon became evident that the development of a country continental in its extent exacted public works of corresponding magnitude. Lines of railway and telegraph were projected from ocean to ocean, and immediately after Confederation both were proceeded with. In 1874 the policy of establishing the telegraph in advance of the railway was determined upon, and as a corollary to the trans-continental telegraph the proposal to extend the electric wire across the Pacific naturally followed. It can be said that ever since the telegraph reached the coast of British Columbia the Pacific cable has engaged public attention, and that the necessity of this undertaking has been repeatedly affirmed. It received recognition in the conference of representative colonial statesmen in London in 1887, in that of Ottawa in 1894, at telegraph and postal conferences in Australasia almost annually, and at various times by chambers of commerce at home and abroad.

The dominant idea with those who have most strongly advocated the establishment of a Pacific cable has been the unity of the Empire. They foresaw the difficulty of effecting any practical union between communities separated by distance, so long as they remained without the means of direct and cheap communication. At the same time it was plain to them that a telegraph across the ocean would foster trade and commerce—the life of an empire such as ours.

Among the memorable gatherings of representative men, not the least important was the conference of premiers in London on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Before these statesmen met, hopes had been entertained that some definite action would be determined for the inauguration of the scheme. Preparations had long been made for joint action. It was one of the chief objects set apart for special consideration at the conference of the Imperial and Australasian governments held at Ottawa in 1894. With this view, the Canadian government, agreeably to a resolution of the conference, obtained much information on the subject, and transmitted it to all the governments interested in the projected work. Soon afterwards the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Chamberlain) invited the Canadian and Australasian governments to send representatives to London for the purpose of taking part in an imperial committee to be appointed specially to receive evidence and consider the project in every detail. The committee first met on June 5, 1896, and on January 5, 1897, they reported the results of an exhaustive enquiry.

The proceedings of the committee and the conclusions which have been formed have not been made public. They have been repeatedly asked for, but as nothing transpired respecting the labors of the committee up to the jubilee week, the opinion gained ground that when the conference was concluded full information would be given to the public with the decision arrived at by the Imperial authorities and the colonial premiers. In many quarters it was expected that action would on that occasion be taken, and that the inauguration of the cable would result as a practical outcome of the Queen's Jubilee.

The old proverb tells us that it is often the unexpected which comes to pass. The proceedings of the conference of premiers were first made known to the public by an article purporting to be published by authority in the London Standard of July 25, and the subject of the Pacific cable is thus alluded to:

"The conference left the Pacific cable scheme in mid-air, and it is very unlikely that anything more will be heard of it for a considerable time. The position was entirely changed by a proposal by the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to lay an all British line from Western Australia across the Indian Ocean to Mauritius, thence connecting with the Cape and St. Helena and Ascension. . . . . The Eastern Extension Company, it is understood, does not ask for a direct subsidy for the new lines, but seeks other concessions from the Australasian governments, which if made, will justify them in proceeding with the work."

In the account of the conference of premiers laid before the British parliament, there is a reference, in two sentences, to the cable; no mention, however, is made of any proposal having been submitted by the Eastern Extension Company. But the premier of New South Wales [Mr Reid] returned home from England through Canada, and being interviewed by reporters in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, confirmed the statement with respect to the proposal of the Eastern Extension Company. The character of the concessions asked by the company has not been made public, but it has been stated that they desire to obtain exclusive rights for Australia on condition that they connect the colonies with the Cape and lay a new cable from the Cape to England via St. Helena, Ascension Island, Sirra Leone or Bathurst and Gibraltar. This scheme is put forward by the company as a substitute for the Pacific cable.

Owing to the fact that telegraphic connection with the Cape is at present extremely defective the proposal of the company is undoubtedly of great importance to South Africa.

There are two telegraphic routes from England to Cape Colony. Both have landing stations at Lisbon, one passes through the Mediterranean to Alexandria, through Egypt to Suez, through the Red Sea to Aden, and from Aden the cable follows the east coast of Africa, touching among other points at Mozambique and Delagoa Bay in foreign territory. The other route leaves the first at Lisbon and follows the west coast of Africa, touching at some fourteen points; eight of which are under foreign flags, those of Portugal, France and Spain.

Interruptions are frequent on both routes. There is evidence to establish that during the past four years communication between England and the Cape has been broken many times, and that the aggregate interruptions have averaged in each year 75 days on the west coast route, and 87 on the east coast route; showing that each cable is unavailable from six to seven days per month. While this refers to the average period that the cables have been thrown out of use, the durations of single interruptions have varied from one to 30 or 40 days. As both lines are liable to be broken at the same time serious inconveniences have not seldom resulted. Every one will remember this contingency occurring when the Transvaal difficulty was at its height. Intense anxiety was then caused during the cable interruption of eleven days, when South Africa was passing through an acute crisis in her history.

Obviously a new cable to the Cape is much required, and as the frequent interruptions to traffic by the two present routes is to a large extent owing to the fact that the cables are laid in the shallow water which prevails along the African coasts, they are in consequence exposed to accidents to which cables in deep waters are not subjected. That part of the proposal to touch at St. Helena and Ascension, where the water is of ample depth, would give to the cable the necessary security, and avoid the difficulties experienced on the present routes. It is, however, not so clear that the northern half of the new cable would be so fortunate. By landing at Sierra Leone or Bathurst and Gibraltar, and terminating in Cornwall, the cable, of necessity, would be laid for some distance in shallow seas, where it would be exposed to injury from various causes, and where, too, the agent of an unfriendly nation, or, indeed, an evil disposed fisherman, would have it in his power to destroy the cable with ease totally unobserved. For hundreds of miles it would be exposed to such risks.

The question may be asked, would not this proposed new cable from England to the Cape with an extension to Australia be of general advantage? To such a question there is but one answer. It certainly would be of general as well as special advantage for the reason that we cannot have too many lines of communication. They are needed in the every-day business of trade and shipping, and moreover we must come to recognize that a complete telegraph system ramifying wherever Her Majesty's wide domain extends, is an essential condition of the life and integrity of the British Empire. It is on this and on other grounds impossible to admit the claim of the Eastern Extension Company, that the proposal submitted by them is preferable to a trans-Pacific cable, and that it will render it unnecessary.

At the colonial conference of 1894 the outline of a telegraph system for the Empire was submitted. It was not confined to one side of the globe; the system projected, embraced and encircled its whole extent. The scheme was illustrated by a map of the world, with the chief cable lines laid down upon it. If the proceedings of the conference be referred to, it will be seen that a trunk line of telegraph was projected from London through Canada to Australasia, with extensions to South Africa, India and China. It was shown that by the Canadian route all the chief British possessions on the four continents would be brought into electric touch with each other and with the Imperial centre in London. It was demonstrated, moreover, that this result could be accomplished without touching a single acre of foreign soil, and without traversing shallow seas where cables are most liable to injury from ship's anchors and other causes, and where they can be so easily fished up and destroyed. No fact can with greater confidence be affirmed than that the cables by the Canadian route would be far less vulnerable than the existing cables, or those now projected by the Eastern Extension Company. But even if no advantage in this respect could be claimed, it requires no argument to prove that telegraphic connection between England and Australasia would be infinitely less subject to interruption from accident or wilful injury by having the Canadian line established, in addition to the Eastern extension lines, especially as the former would be on the opposite side of the globe and far removed from the immediate theatre of European complications.

It is not possible to believe that anyone disassociated from, and uninfluenced by, the Eastern Extension Company, can view the proposed Canadian Pacific cable with disfavor. If it be important to strengthening the connection between the United Kingdom and the outlying portions of the Empire, no one can question its necessity. But the Eastern Extension Company has never taken a friendly view of the Pacific cable. From the first it has been its determined opponent. The proceedings of the colonial conferences of 1887 and of 1894 give evidence of this fact. The report on the mission to Australia by the Canadian delegates gives some indication of the intense and persistent antagonism displayed by the company and the manner in which its powerful influence has been employed to thwart the enterprise. It may not be an unwarranted surmise that the immediate purpose of the company in submitting to the conference of premiers their new proposal was to divert attention from the Pacific cable.

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The combined share capital of these three companies amounted to £1,525,000. On their amalgamation the united share capital, by a well-known process of "watering" to the extent of £472,500, was increased nominally to £1,997,500. The united company, since known as the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (limited), has been exceedingly prosperous; it has paid 7 per cent. on the enlarged capital, equal to 9 per cent. on the original capital. An examination of the published statement establishes that it has in addition expended out of the profits earned no less a sum than £1,571,510 on extensions and other productive works, and there remains unexpended and undivided to-day a reserve of surplus profits amounting to £804,193.

These figures establish that the Eastern Extension Company has become a remarkably good investment. It regularly pays good dividends, but the dividends are no guide to the profits made. It holds in reserve undivided profits far exceeding in amount the whole value of its cables between Asia and Australia. The accounts of the company for 1896 and the first half of 1897, show that the net profits actually earned during these periods amounted to 13 per cent. on the present capital, and 17 per cent. on the capital prior to its being watered.

The company is unwilling to have this state of affairs changed. They know perfectly well that the telegraphic traffic is steadily increasing, and that as the traffic grows the profits will become still greater. It is easy, therefore, to understand why the company has never viewed with friendly feeling the proposed Pacific cable. Its managers are not willing to divide the business with the new line. They must retain it entirely in their possession. They have secured a rich monopoly, and their desire is to make it even more profitable and to strengthen and perpetuate it.

The Pacific cable has been projected in no spirit of hostility to any company or to any country. It has been advocated as a means of extending to the whole Empire the advantages derivable from the geographical position of the Dominion. Canada offers the connecting link in an Imperial chain of telegraphs encircling the globe. When the project is completed it will bring the mother country into direct electrical connection with every one of the great possessions of the crown in both hemispheres without touching the soil of any foreign power. Thus, it cannot fail in a high degree to promote Imperial unity. Indeed, it is difficult to conceive how a perfect union, or any union of the whole, is possible without union between the parts. The whole Empire is in strong sympathy with the aims and aspiration which a few years back were limited to a few men of advanced thought. The historical event of last June has shown to the world that "the British people are one people animated by one spirit." It is recognized that we are approaching the period when new relations may be established between the United Kingdom and those younger British communities beyond the seas, known in past history as colonies, but which are passing from colonial tutelage to a higher national status. In order to promote these closer relations, what is more desirable, what more necessary, than that each and all be connected by the appliances which art and science have devised? Canada stands first among the British communities of the outer Empire. Scarcely second to Canada we look forward, in no long period, to welcome the kindred Dominion of Australia comprising under one federal government half a dozen colonies, each possessing great potentialities. What more in harmony with the spirit of the British people than that Canada and Australia be brought in close communion? Is it not indispensable to vital public interest that those two great units of the Empire—the island continent in the South Pacific and British North America, should possess the means of instantaneous communication, one with the other?

The proposition of the Eastern Extension Company submitted to the conference of premiers has no such purpose in view. Its object is indeed the very opposite. While the consolidation of the Empire demands that the Queen's subjects in Canada and Australasia shall possess all the advantages which the closest telegraphic connection can effect, the policy which animates that company would cause these communities to remain severed. Is such a policy to be commended? Does not the Eastern Extension Company when persistently exercising its manifold and widely ramified influence to keep Canada and Australia disunited, assume an attitude of hostility to both countries and to Imperial unity?

In the interests of the Eastern Extension Company the Pacific cable has been declared to be impracticable; its cost has been greatly exaggerated; it has been denounced as a work which could not be maintained without burdensome subsidies; it has been stigmatized as inimical to telegraphy and trade; and it has been decried and misrepresented in every possible manner. The explanation is to be found in the fact that the company is unwilling to relinquish its monopoly and to rest satisfied in the future with a reasonable return for capital invested. On this point the writer is tempted to quote a single paragraph from his address at the Colonial conference of 1894 as given in the proceedings (page 85).

"The progress and well-being of Canada, Australia and the Empire cannot be retarded in order that the lucrative business of a private company may remain without change. Even if the chairman of the Eastern Extension Company succeeded in converting us to his commercial ethics, that the profits of the monopoly he represents must be maintained inviolate, it does not follow that the project of a Pacific cable would not be carried out in some form, even if Canada and Australasia abandon it. There are indeed unmistakable signs that a Pacific cable may shortly be carried out by France and the United States. We all know that France has already completed a section of 800 miles at the southern end, and the United States has recently expended $25,000 in making an elaborate survey of about one-third the whole distance from San Francisco [to the Hawaiian Islands]. With a rival line in foreign hands, it is easy to see that the Eastern Extension would gain nothing, while the Empire would lose much."

With respect to the objections raised by the Eastern Extension Company, they have been completely refuted. The very best evidence shows beyond all question that the project is perfectly feasible, that the cable should be established as a state work, that so established the revenue from business obtainable will be ample to meet every charge, including working expenses, maintenance, renewal, interest on cost and sinking fund to replace capital; that, in fact, the cable can be established in the most satisfactory manner, and that all its advantages can be attained without any cost whatever to the taxpayer. That the prospects are of this character is attributable to these facts, viz.:

1. As a state work, the capital employed would be obtained at the lowest possible rate of interest.

2. The capital would be limited to the necessities of actual expenditure in establishing the work; there would be no possibility of enlarging the capital account by adding "promotion expenses" or by "watering stock" in any form.

3. No dividend would require to be declared, or bonus paid. Revenue would only have to meet ordinary charges, including interest on the actual cost at a low rate, possibly 2½ per cent.

4. Remunerative traffic which would be controlled by the Australasian government already exists.

5. Such traffic is continually growing, and it is difficult to assign a limit to its growth.

6. The facilities created and the reduced charges would open up a new and profitable business across the Pacific which would be subject to the new line.

Such being the case, the question may be asked, is there any reason other than the opposition of the Eastern Extension Company why the establishment of this important national work should be farther delayed? It must be admitted that the Pacific cable in operation would put an end to the monopoly of the Eastern Extension Company and diminish the immense profits it enjoys. As, however, less than half the whole traffic would prove remunerative to the Pacific cable, there would remain ample business to the company to yield a good return for the capital invested.

In the memorandum laid before the House of Commons last July by the secretary of state for the colonies, it is distinctly indicated that, while the home government is willing to co-operate with Canada and the Australian Colonies, the Imperial authorities are unable to see the way to take the initiative, and that they "now await definite proposals from the colonies interested before proceeding further in the matter." It unfortunately happens that the Australasian colonies remain under the disadvantage of being disunited politically, and they are not all equally in favor of the Pacific cable, Western Australia and South Australia being somewhat in sympathy with the Eastern Extension Company. New Zealand, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria desire to have the cable laid on the Canadian route. As the traffic to make it a profitable undertaking would have its source chiefly in these colonies, and moreover the land lines within each colony are owned by each respective government, they have it in their power to control the trans-Pacific telegraphic traffic to the extent required to make the cable a profitable undertaking.

At this distance it is not easy to understand why these four colonies do not agree to take some definite line of action. It is now close on six months since the premiers met in London, and as far as known they have not seen their way to agree on any joint proposal, owing doubtless to unexplained local difficulties.

Under these circumstances it is not improper to consider if there be any duty or obligation resting on us in Canada. The Dominion is now looked up to as the elder brother in the British family of kindred nationalities. If as Canadians we have faith in our destiny as no inconsiderable element of the great Empire, are we not called upon again to take the initiative? The mother country awaits a proposal. It cannot well come from disunited Australasia. If we are to be brought within speaking distance of the kindred communities in the Southern seas, the first impulse must come from ourselves. Shall the opportunity which circumstances have presented be seized, and another proof given to the world that "the Canadian government and people are determined, in all ways, to promote Imperial unity"?

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Dated at the City of Victoria, the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1897.

R. T. ELLIOTT,
Solicitor for the Applicants.
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NOTICE.

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Dated at the City of Victoria the 4th day of August, A.D. 1897.

HUNTER & OLIVER,
Solicitors for the Applicants.
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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge from a point at or near the head of Lynn canal northward along Dalton's trail or as near thereto as practicable to a point at or near Fort Selkirk in the North West Territories, with power to connect with any railway in American Territory, and to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, ways, bridges and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the proposed railway and works, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges and other aids from any government, municipal corporations, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railway, ferries, wharves and vessels, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

ROBERT CASSIDY,
32 Langley St., Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the applicants.
November 16th, 1897. n26

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and tunning to commercial use the iron ore deposits situate upon and near the coast line of the province of British Columbia, and to that end, to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads railroads, docks wharves, houses, buildings, wharves, docks, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant and works, plate-rolling plant, tin-plating plant, and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates and generally to do all things necessary and conductive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive and perform all usual and necessary rights, powers privileges and aids for giving full effect to the intentions of the applicant herein before set forth.

Dated at Victoria, the 8th day of December, 1897.

JOHN COBELDICK,
Applicant.
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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip maintain and operate, by any kind or kinds of motive power, either a standard or narrow-gauge railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and merchandise from Teslin Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, in a southerly direction to some point on the Pacific coast or inlets thereof, in the said Province; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, elevators and railway stations in connection therewith, and generally to carry on the business of transportation; to erect, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and any branches thereof; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes aforesaid; to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over the said railway or any of its branches; together with all such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., the 8th day of December, 1897.

H. E. A. ROBERTSON,
8 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the applicants.
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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a railway from some point on the Skeena River, in the Province of British Columbia to some point at or near the eastern boundary of the Province, with power to build branch lines to be operated by any known motive power to any mining or farming regions practicable in connection with the said railway; to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway or any part thereof; to construct elevators, build wharves, docks, warehouses, smelters, refineries, concentrators, stamp mills, etc.; to carry on a general mining and transportation business; to build construct, acquire, and operate ships, steamships, barges or other water craft; to appropriate or otherwise acquire water power, rights and privileges.

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A LIBEL ANSWERED.

We observe the following statement in the Nelson Tribune in an article assailing the Messrs. Dunsmuir and Mr. R. P. Rithet: "In exchange for its support the Dunsmuir family enjoys comparative immunity from taxation." The reference is to taxation for provincial purposes and the exemption is presumably extended by the provincial government. We do not know that anything printed in the Nelson Tribune on local politics is entitled to serious consideration; but we feel it would be wrong to permit such a libel upon the province, as is contained in the sentence quoted, to pass without notice. The statement is infamously false. Whether the person responsible for it knew it to be false we shall not say. We have recently seen such exhibitions of monumental ignorance in connection with provincial politics that we should not be surprised to learn that the Tribune honestly believes what it says. It is a libel upon the province just the same. It is an exceedingly gross libel, for if it is believed by any one, it will create the opinion that the legislature of this province has been so base as to grant a particular family some special favor in the matter of taxation.

There is not a single privilege in regard to taxation or anything else, that the Dunsmuir family have, that every other person in British Columbia does not enjoy. We do not forget that by the terms of the E. & N. railway contract made between the Dominion government, the Provincial government and the E. & N. railway company, in which the Dunsmuir estate is interested, the land subsidy to the company is exempt from taxation until it has been alienated. That is to say, while the land remains unproductive in the hands of the company it is not taxed, but this is only in keeping with the plan adopted by the Dominion in giving land grants to railway companies, and also with that followed by the several provincial governments. By no possible construction can this exemption be construed as a special favor to the Dunsmuir family. Even if it were such a favor neither the Turner government, nor the Davie government, nor yet its predecessor, the Robson government, was responsible for it. Moreover, if the present provincial government could be turned out of office tomorrow, there is nothing that their successors could do to impose a tax upon these railway lands contrary to the terms of the contract with the company. No legislature could be found so devoid of the British principle of fair play as to seek to avoid the terms of a bargain under which men invested their money in a railway, and if members could be found in sufficient numbers in the local legislature to do so dishonorable an act, the governor-general would disallow the measure for the reason that it would be in violation of a solemn compact entered into between the government of Canada, the government of the province and the railway company. It is worse than folly; it is positively dishonest for an opposition paper to seek to create the impression that, in the event of an opposition victory, the terms of the E. & N. railway contract can be altered.

We wish to add that it is high time this abuse of the Messrs. Dunsmuir, with which there is always coupled abuse of Mr. R. P. Rithet, should cease. The men who are responsible for it would not dare make such criticisms if they were not shielded by their own insignificance. If they had any sense of shame, any conception of personal dignity, any appreciation of the true mission of political journalism, they would be above the contemptible meanness of such attacks. The Messrs. Dunsmuir and Mr. Rithet are gentlemen of vast interests in this province, large employers of labor, large taxpayers, men of enterprise, who are contributing much to the advancement of British Columbia's prosperity. It is true that in so doing they benefit themselves. But why should they not? Was it ever heard that men devoted themselves and their capital to projects of a business nature from motives of pure philanthropy? We need more such men in the country, and the anarchistic spirit which finds vent in attacks upon them ought to be frowned down upon.

We tell these slanderers of British Columbia, these dirty birds of journalism who befoul the nest in which they are nourished, that they cannot find, if they search the whole list of statutes ever passed in the province, a single line that warrants the base charges which they so freely make. They disgrace the profession with which they are associated. They achieve nothing except to breed discontent on the part of those who are as ignorant as themselves.

PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE.

Buy in Seattle! Do not buy in Victoria. Everything you need is higher in Victoria than in Seattle! Victoria merchants sell only shop-worn goods. These things, and others like them, have been the burden of the song of the Post-Intelligencer, Seattle's morning paper, for months past. So much for the precept. Now for the example.

The Post-Intelligencer has an Alaska news syndicate, a very laudable piece of enterprise on the part of our contemporary. It is not a Yukon news syndicate, but one which, from its name, appears to be intended to do business in the United States territory of Alaska. The gentlemen composing this syndicate, or rather representing it in Alaska, are Messrs. E. B. Wishar and L. B. Pease. They have outfitted for Alaska with the good money of the Post-Intelligencer, paid into the coffers of that newspaper by the merchants who advertise in its columns and to whose business it has been catering by printing slanders about everything in connection with Victoria.

Did the Post-Intelligencer patronize only the men whose advertisements it carries? Did it believe its own story about it being cheaper to buy goods in Seattle than here? Not a bit of it. When it was talking for revenue there was nothing that the Post-Intelligencer could say against Victoria and Victoria merchants that it did not say; but when it came to outfitting its syndicate for Alaska it threw its teachings to the winds, and sensibly from a business standpoint, if very illogically from a newspaper standpoint, sent its syndicate over to this city to purchase goods for its Alaska outfit.

We have not observed this fact referred to in the very elaborate descriptions given by the Post-Intelligencer of its enterprise in organizing news syndicates and other things. We shall send over a nice Victoria veil to our contemporary to be drawn around its business office when the miners who throng Seattle, and the business men who fill the Post-Intelligencer with their advertisements, get on to the very pretty story told above, which can be verified at any time by those who care to examine the duplicate invoices of goods sold to the Post-Intelligencer's Alaska News Syndicate by Victoria merchants.

THE ORIENTAL QUESTION.

According to the latest despatches Great Britain has played the trump card in the game in progress in the Orient. There is not to be any war, and the British government is to give its guarantee for the loan, which China so much desires to raise. This will put an end for the present, at least, to the talk of the supremacy of Russia in the Far East, and will postpone indefinitely the crisis, which has been impending. During the breathing spell, which will thus be afforded, Japan will be able to get her navy finished and so become better able to assist Great Britain in preventing the plans of Russia and Germany for aggrandizing themselves at the expense of China.

We made reference the other day to the growing sentiment in the United States in favor of co-operation with Great Britain in this matter. This has lately found expression in a speech by Hon. Henry M. Teller, one of the most influential of public men in that country. He takes the ground that the United States could not assent to the partition of China by Germany and Russia without sinking to the level of a third-class power, and that it would be absolutely necessary for the nation to join hands with Great Britain and Japan. He even went so far as to say that the United States ought to act alone, if the proposed allies were unwilling to work with her.

Happily there seems to have been no call for the intervention of any nation except our own. Once more the fleet has done its work without firing a gun. It is greatly to the credit of the British government that it has been able to prevent hostilities in the Orient. We told our readers a day or two ago to watch and see the European powers square their schemes to suit John Bull's expressed wish. The squaring process is in progress. This means that the development of China will be allowed to proceed primarily under British supervision, but open to the participation of all the world. Britain has won a victory for the world, and it is none the less valuable because it has been achieved simply by taking a manly stand.

SO IT is proposed to send only 26 tons of stuff to Dawson City on the congressional relief expedition. And it is all to be given away, not sold. It would not be an impossibility to get 26 tons in, if the people in charge go to work the right way.

THE Columbian complains that the COLONIST has had nothing to say about the arrangements for the construction of the V.V. & E. railway. When any arrangements have gone beyond the stage of negotiation, the COLONIST will print the news.

THE Nanaimo Review suggests that it might be well to form a provincial press association and asks its contemporaries to express their views on the subject. There are many things to be said in favor of such an organization, which can be made of great use to the newspaper profession and to the province. We do not think very much of the visiting feature of such associations, which seems to be the most popular phase of them in the United States. Such organizations, by making the members of the press better acquainted with each other, have a tendency to soften the asperities of newspaper discussion, which in itself is a good thing. They are of some advantage to newspapers in a business way by aiding in understandings on business subjects, notably those relating to subscriptions and advertising. The fact that most states of the American Union maintain such organizations seems to be an argument for their value.

THE demand made in Rossland for the construction of a wagon road to bring ores from certain mines and to enable the merchants of that city to sell goods to the miners, illustrates a line of public works that will call for a great deal of consideration in the very near future. The COLONIST has already expressed its sympathy with projects of the kind mentioned, and only refers to the matter now for the sake of emphasizing the fact that the task of administering the public works department will be even less of a sinecure hereafter than it has been in the past. It also shows how conservative localities must be in their requests for appropriations, if increase of taxation is to be avoided.

THE Slocan Pioneer says that British Columbia will be a great mining country when Klondyke is forgotten. Never prophesy unless you know. British Columbia will be a great mineral producing country for more years than anyone can now estimate; but who can say that Klondyke and the whole Yukon will not have an equally long lease of prosperity?

THE News-Advertiser says that the total cost of an outfit purchased in British Columbia is from 15 to 20 per cent. less than that of a similar outfit purchased in Seattle, while the duty on the more expensive Seattle outfit would average 30 per cent., thus making the saving on buying an outfit in this province between 45 and 50 per cent.

THERE is talk in California of celebrating the jubilee of the discovery of gold in that state. The date was January 24, 1848, a memorable date in the history of the world. The effect of the discovery was in a sense revolutionary.

THE Seattle Post-Intelligencer says the craziest scheme ever proposed is that of the man who intends to try to cross the Atlantic on wooden shoes. Not much worse than the plan to carry relief into Dawson City with reindeer.

THE Grand Forks Miner wants Mr. Corbin given a charter to build a railway into the Boundary district. The Miner represents the very numerous class in that part of the province who want railway connection and do not care a straw who provides it.

THE Times continues to make an exhibition of its "langwidge." The COLONIST lays no claim to literary perfection, but it seriously objects to having Virgil described as a writer of dog Latin.

THE Rossland Miner says it was the only daily paper in British Columbia that published an issue last Sunday. And what are the public to infer from that, please?

THE Vancouver World has an editorial upon an Egyptian mummy. Is this a covert allusion to its morning contemporary?

THE Rossland Times thinks that the fees prescribed by law to be paid by companies too high. We cannot agree with it, and think that few people will.

"ROSSLAND is a common point," says the Miner of that city. We have hitherto thought that Rossland was a most uncommon point.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

ROSSLAND WAGON ROAD.

Now that the snow road project is a dead issue, the proposed wagon road to Cascade City can be discussed without any side lines being tacked to it. It is certain that the wagon road to the Victory-Triumph and Velvet groups, on Sophie mountains, will receive assistance from the government. If the board of trade will point out the necessity of the continuation of that road five or six miles further west, there is little doubt that an appropriation will be made for a trunk road from Rossland as far as Castle mountain. This would give access to a vast number of mineral claims that cannot possibly have any other outlet. Directly after passing the branch road leading to the Victory-Triumph group, the wagon road would enter a district that is thickly covered with mineral claims. There is the Umatilla group of three claims, the Wallaroo group of five claims, the Big Four group of three claims, the New Orleans group of two claims, the Prospector group of eight claims, and numerous others further away from the proposed road that must ship ore that way, because there is no other feasible route.

Summit mountain and Big Sheep valley are well covered with mineral claims that must find an outlet over the Dewdney trail route, and on Castle mountain there are some well-known groups to be served, such as the Algonquin group, the Sandhurst group, the Royal group, the Jubilee group, and over 100 separate claims on this eastern slope, all of which will be tributary to the proposed wagon road. It is safe to say that the number of claims and mines that would be benefited by such a wagon road would aggregate quite 1,000. Of these many will be shipping ore next summer, and a wagon road can be constructed none too soon for the interests of the claim owners and the merchants of Rossland. Besides the bringing out of ore from these claims the carrying in of supplies from Rossland is an item that must not be overlooked.—Rossland Times.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Almost Beyond Belief.—"Tender-hearted?" said one who knew him. "Very much so. Upon my word, he would not even hurt a baseball umpire."

Wheeler—What kept you so long? I've been waiting two hours.

Val Vleak—I got a puncture and stopped to repair it with my quick-repair kit.

"No, Molly," said the old man, "I won't send John ter school. I've got a better scheme than that fer him. I'm goin' ter take the schoolbook money an' start him in business!"

Mr. Briggs—"Tom Rider handed me some tickets for the circus. It'll be an awful bore, but I suppose on Johnny's account we ought to go. He'll be pleased."

Mrs. Briggs—"Why, there are only two here!"

Mr. Briggs—"Well, then, that's all he gave us. Ump! Johnny'll have to stay at home, then. Too bad!"

Mrs. Green—I suppose you miss your husband a great deal? The Bereaved One—Oh, yes. It seems so strange not to have to leave the gas burning for somebody when you go to bed.

Not His Fault.—"I've been riding on the elevated for five years and I've never offered a lady a seat." "Then you've never had any manners." "That isn't it. I've never yet had a seat."

ALDERMANIC QUALIFICATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR:—Now that the elections are close upon us this question is intruded very seriously on the public attention. The person qualified must be the registered owner in the land registry office of land or real property in the city of the assessed value, on the last assessment roll, of five hundred dollars or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge. On the face of it this seems a trifle, but how many well-established citizens are there eminently well qualified to hold the confidence of the ratepayers who live in rented houses and who do business in rented stores and put all their property into commerce? These men are second to none in their interest in the prosperity and advancement of the city; second to none in the estimation of their fellow-citizens, and second to none in their personal qualifications to administer the affairs of the city. And yet these men are disqualified, and in a vast number of cases actually disfranchised! This surely is a very serious matter that should be considered at this juncture.

Then again with the voters' list; let any one try a canvas amongst his friends, amongst men who have lived here twenty years or more, who are in business and practice for themselves, and he will find dozens who live in rented houses and occupy rented stores and offices, who are well and favorably known, and yet who are disfranchised because they fail to get their annual ticket-of-leave at the city hall. The thing is outrageous, that men who have spent the best part of their lives in a place like this, and paid taxes galore, should have no vote in the election of those entrusted with their expenditure. This present moment when people are smarting under their grievances is a good time to call attention to them in the hope they may be remedied as speedily as possible. S.

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THE weekly whist tournament of the J.B.A.A. will take place this evening at the club house.

MIKE SWIFT and Jim Casey, vagged by the police, were remanded yesterday, and a little enquiry is being made into their immediate past history.

GUNNER E. BROWN, of No. 3 Company, Fifth Regiment, has been promoted bombardier, vice Bombardier C. Hollyer promoted.

ALDERMAN A. G. MCCANDLESS has at the solicitation of his friends decided to be a candidate again this year for North ward, at the civic elections.

The public schools opening on Monday will find us fully prepared to supply school books for young and old. Remember we are selling school books at the Eastern retail price. T. N. Hibben & Co. x

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AFTER a short illness of pneumonia, at the residence of Mr. W. T. Drake, Cook street, Mary Ella, wife of the late J. Egerton Curtis and daughter of Mrs. Wallace, died at 7:30 a.m. on the 5th instant, leaving one son to mourn her loss.

THE weekly concerts in Temperance hall will be held as usual next Saturday and will be in charge of one of the members of Perseverance lodge, I.O.G.T., under whose auspices these entertainments are held.

THE annual Burns anniversary concert of the First Presbyterian church choir, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, will take place on Wednesday, January 26. A splendid programme is being prepared for this popular event.

IT is stated on good authority that the trouble among the parties who some time ago arranged to present "The Geisha" here has blown over, and that the charming opera, presented by one company only, will shortly be seen here.

THE case of Bostock v. Jackson, a dispute about some land, was to have been heard yesterday before the Chief Justice, but when the court opened it was announced by counsel that the case had been settled. Judgment was given confirming the settlement, each side to pay their own costs.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is to enjoy a novel entertainment next Tuesday, when Little Red Riding Hood and numerous other characters dear to childhood will make the personal acquaintance of the youngsters. It is to be a Mother Goose Christmas party, followed by a presentation of all the well-known nursery rhymes in character, under the caption of "Britannia, the Ocean Queen." All this takes place at St. John's schoolroom, the entertainment opening at 8 o'clock.

FOR a long time past the E. & N. railway have been troubled by thefts of coal from their yard, the results being sometimes a complaint by people who purchased carload lots. Consequently a strict watch has lately been kept on the coal, and one result was the arrest of Ah Que, who was caught black-handed and with a sack of coal in his possession. Que had a month with hard labor prescribed for him yesterday by the police magistrate and will accordingly spend January in the red house on the hill.

THERE was an unofficial electrocution last night at the corner of Pandora street and Douglas. Just at this point the Douglas and Pandora tram lines join and in consequence there are a number of guide wires holding the trolly wire in place. One of these dropped at about eight o'clock and a horse belonging to Mr. J. D. Jennings stepped on it. The shock of electricity paralyzed the animal, which fell to the ground, its flesh sizzling as the death-dealing current shot through the body. The wire was cut promptly, but the horse was dead. There was very little excitement although numbers of people were on the street, for the incident was over almost before the public realized what had happened.

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ASSAULT AT ARMS.

To-night de Malchin and Elliott Meet in Their Mounted Contest—Bluejackets Will Give Exhibitions.

The assault at arms at the drill hall to-night will be exceptionally stirring for in addition to the other attractions a detachment of eighteen bluejackets from the flagship will take part. The hall has been arranged so that all the spectators can see to the best advantage and with perfect safety, the big floor of the hall giving plenty of room for the horses in the mounted contest and for the gun and cutlass drill of the bluejackets. The music of the band will enliven proceedings. The programme to be followed is: Music by the band; single stick contests; fencing with foils, Mr. Ivan de Malchin and Mr. J. St. Clair; music by the band; field gun dismounted ordnance, by bluejackets of H.M.S. Imperieuse; burlesque boxing, Sergt. Northcott of the First Battalion v. Sergt. Clarke late 11th Hussars; cutlass exercise by eighteen bluejackets of H.M.S. Imperieuse; mounted sword contest, Mr. I. de Malchin v. Sergt.-Major Elliott; music by the band.

With a programme like this this evening should see a big crowd of spectators at the drill hall.

The contests will have Mr. Clive Phillips Wolley as referee, and as that between Mr. de Malchin and Sergt.-Major Elliott is exciting the greatest interest, the following articles of agreement signed by them are given:

Articles of agreement between Ivan de Malchin and Sergt.-Major Elliott for today's contest:

1. The contest is to consist of 20 attacks; the contestant scoring the first 15 points to be declared the winner.
2. Each contestant shall be allowed one second of his own selection.
3. The referee for said contest to be Captain Wolley, assisted by two judges. The decision of the referee upon all and every point and question shall be final and beyond appeal.
4. Every hit above the belt, including point, back and sides of the body and entire head, with the exceptions of both forearms, counted as legitimate points.
5. The contestant losing a point is obliged to acknowledge the same by lowering his sword.
6. To strike the adversary's horse shall be considered a foul, or to hit the adversary below the belt or on the forearm; and the referee has the power of disqualifying the contestant for so doing, if in the referee's opinion this has been done intentionally; and the decision shall be given against the contestant so fouling.

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J. A. Thompson, government steamboat inspector for British Columbia, has returned from an official visit to the mainland.

VALENTINE'S Day has been chosen by Ivy lodge, Daughters of Ruth, for their first annual ball, which will be held in the A.O.U.W. hall. At the meeting on Tuesday evening the lodge elected five members.

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WILD BEASTS FOR PETS

How an Eccentric Englishman of Victoria Amuses Himself With His Menagerie.

Mr. James French, of Cadboro Bay Road, and His Interesting Collection of Native Animals.

There is a menagerie near to Victoria city of which the populace know practically nothing. The proprietor asks no admission fee from those who see his show, and, in addition, he gives an entertainment exhibiting the power of man over beast, which equals similar performances in the best regulated circuses in the land.

About two miles from the business portion of the city, on the Cadboro Bay road, and near the Willows, lives this man who has made a lifetime study of animals of every kind. He has been a number of years collecting his present menagerie, and he claims that in time he will have the best and most assorted collection of animals in the country.

Mr. James French, late of Bristol, Eng., is a gentleman young in years, who has carried a hobby to a stage of marked eccentricity. His sole thought, apparently, is of the animals, birds, etc., in his collection; and, while posseesed of independent means, he seldom moves out of the little world he has created for himself.

A member of the COLONIST staff visited Mr. French's home the other day and was pleasantly entertained by the young Englishman for fully an hour, during which time everything around the unique abode was seen and discussed.

Mr. French lives in a lonely hut situated almost opposite the Willows. It is not difficult to find the place. As the hut is approached after leaving a thick cluster of scrubby trees, a deafening din arises. It seems as if pandemonium has been let loose. Innumerable dogs yelp and bark, and the other wild animals on the place add their quota to the chorus.

"It's because they know a stranger is visiting the place," says Mr. French in explanation. "Then too, it's near meal time and the brutes are getting hungry."

Mr. French is a tall, stalwarth Englishman, with a drooping semi-military light colored moustache. He wore a white sombrero, at the time of the COLONIST man's call and the rest of his apparal was in keeping with the wild West idea.

After the reporter had explained his mission Mr. French led the way to three immense cages behind the hut, where, as he explained, some of his "pets" were housed.

The first cage contained a large female panther which was captured at San Juan river. Even before a close approach was made the beast exhibited its vicious untamed nature, by rushing from end to end of the cage, and showing its teeth.

"I'll soon tame her," said Mr. French as, unlocking the barred door he boldly entered the cage.

"Lie down, puss," he said as the beast made a vicious spring, striking the opposite side of the cage with her powerful paws.

Then followed a scene full of excitement in which it was hard to tell for a time whether master or beast would triumph. The panther had not been fed for many hours, and appeared to be wild with hunger. At every approach of Mr. French's it struck furiously at him, and for a time it seemed that he would be torn to pieces.

"Lie down, puss," he repeated again and again, and it was only after many efforts to approach her that he succeeded in quieting her enough to pat her on the head.

After this exciting performance a cage containing two large black bears was visited. They made no move when Mr. French entered the cage, and he threw them around and played with them as if they had been Newfoundland dogs. The third cage contained two fine specimens of coyotes.

"The only time they exhibit any signs of anger," said Mr. French, "is when I pretend to molest a male. On one occasion when doing this I had a narrow escape from being seriously bitten."

While these cages were being inspected the horrible din of bogs barking continued without intermission. The canines, of which there are twelve, were then looked at. They include four large wolf hounds, an Irish terrier, a Columbia spaniel, and four Klondyke dogs, partially trained.

Some little distance from the hut several low-lying sheds contained some more of Mr. French's "collection." These were a motley collection of cats, dogs, a large owl, two raccoons, and a double-jointed Amazon parrot, which obstinately refused to utter a syllable, although the master says it "converses slightly in English."

Mr. French also had two Australian opposums, but they got away some time ago, and are now somewhere, he thinks, in the woods around Cadboro bay.

After viewing the collection Mr. French consented to talk a little about himself and his strange hobby.

"The study of animals," he said, "particularly of wild animals, was a craze with me even at a very early age. I used to haunt the menageries of the old country, and one day decided that I would have a menagerie of my own. I came out to America upon attaining my majority, and have since travelled much through this country, hunting and trying to get possession of wild beasts.

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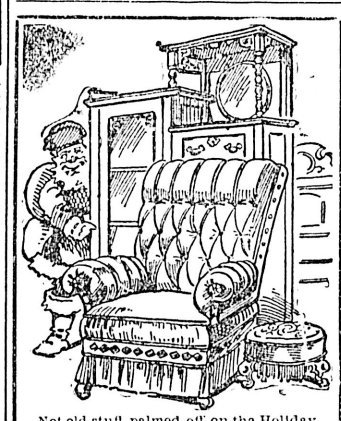

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THE CITY

AN important meeting of the Victoria Home Nursery Association will be held in room 40, city market building, at 11 o'clock this morning. Subscribers to and members of the association are invited to attend.

AT the residence of the bride's parents on Douglas street, Mr. Philip Edward Short was last evening married to Miss Florence Russell Siddell, Rev. Ralph W. Trotter performing the ceremony. The bride was in a dainty costume of white trimmed with lace and orange blossoms, Miss Annie Ridge, the bridesmaid, wearing white and blue. Mr. Thomas Green acted as best man. About thirty-five guests were present, and after the wedding supper Mr. and Mrs. Short left for their home at Swan Lake.

AT the Beacon Hill Athletic club rooms this evening an entertaining programme will be given, consisting of several boxing bouts, a single-stick contest and songs. Tom Cosack and Dick Vance, of H.M.S. Icarus, will have a three-round go with the gloves, and Jerry Stamp, of H.M.S. Imperieuse, and M. Mitchell, also of that vessel, will box three rounds. The event of the enening will be a six-round bout between Young Baxter, of the Imperieuse, and Billy Moss, of Montreal. Bob Foster will keep a fatherly eye on the proceedings, and act as master of ceremonies.

"VICTORIA is better than Shanghai," admitted Lawrence Mooney as he stretched back luxuriously in his bed at the city lock-up last night and tucked the blankets comfortably under his chin. Lawrence has been quite a stranger in Victoria lately, and has undergone adventures and travelled a bit since he last enjoyed public hospitality. Lawrence is one of those who, like Weary Waggles and Wandering Willie, considers the world owes him a living, and that work is foolish exercise for silly people. Consequently imagine poor Mooney's terrible predicament when he found himself shanghaied on the St. Catherine, and actually forced to work his way to Shanghai itself. However, he got his revenge, for the British consul took his case up and Mooney got in all about $100. A week's fun finished it and Mooney was delighted when he was shipped back across the Pacific in a schooner. He reached Victoria on Christmas evening and the festive season made him homesick, so he applied for and secured an apartment in the lock-up and hastened to register once more on the books as a lodger. Last night he was in again, this time as a vagrant and seemed perfectly happy in the assurance that he could always depend on finding the doors of the lock-up ajar for such as he.

INSTALLED THEIR OFFICERS.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I.O.O.F., Is Flourishing—A New Zealand Member Gives an Address.

The officers of Columbia lodge, No. 2, I.O.O.F., were installed last evening in regular form by Walter Walker, district deputy, assisted by an efficient staff of grand officers, and are as follows: J. S. Smith, N.G.; Jos. Phillips, V.G.; R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec.; Wm. Jackson, Per. Sec.; G. T. Fox, Treas.; W. Davies, I.G.; W. H. Huxtable, O.G.; S. Reid, R.S.N.G.; Jas. Pottinger, L.S. N.G.; W. Adams, R.S.V.G.; C. Minckler, L.S.V.G.; H. Porter, R.S.S.; A. Edwards, L.S.S.; M. Humber, chaplain; Jos. Davies, warden; C. W. Jenkinson, conductor. The annual report compiled by the secretary shows Columbia lodge to be in a flourishing condition financially, though the amount paid out for sick benefits during the past year was greater than ever before during the 28 years of its existence. The membership has fallen off a little during the year and now stands at 150. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presence of a member from New Zealand, who is here on his way to the Klondyke. He made a few remarks and told of the progress of the order at the antipodes. Dominion lodge will instal officers tonight, Peerless lodge on Friday evening, and Victoria and Acme lodges on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening Sister Riddell, district deputy, will instal the officers of Colfax Rebekah Degree lodge.

A UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

"Pythagoras Pod" to Amuse Victorians With the Recital of His Numerous Adventures.

The lecture to be given to-morrow evening at the A. O. U. W. hall by "Pythagoras Pod" (R. Pither Woodward) promises to be one of unusual interest and amusement. Mr. Pod has been an extensive traveller, having accomplished several extraordinary and perilous journeys in Africa, across the Alps in midwinter, and elsewhere. His most popular lecture, judging from his crowded houses in the States, is based upon his 4,000-mile journey from New York to San Francisco on the hurricane deck of the diminutive donkey Macaroni, which stands but 3 feet 9½ inches high. Such a trip, taken as the result of a political wager which compelled the rider to start penniless and earn his way, would ordinarily subject the traveller to many ridiculous situations, but Mr. Woodward being a contributor to the American funny papers and the author of a recent book entitled "Frozen Humor," possesses the natural humor to make his lecture most interesting. It will consist of two parts, one embracing the hardships of a New York winter and Ohio spring, where once the rider had to crawl 200 feet on a rail fence and drag the donkey through 17 inches of mud; the comical tricks of college boys, and laughable ways of making expenses to the Mississippi river—the second part covering the adventures with the Indian police, outlaws and troublesome characters; how twice he was lost in the Utah and Nevada deserts, and lastly, nearly buried in the snows of the Sierras, where two of his five pack-donkeys were lost. The admirable manner of dividing the lecture and interspersing it with music and recitations by accomplished artists is a feature which will add to the attractiveness of the programme offered the public for Friday evening. The services of Professor R. Eurick have been engaged as solo pianist and accompaniest, and Mr. H. R. H. Gibbons will give recitations and songs, and altogether a very enjoyable evening is anticipated.

W. G. Armstrong, warden of the provincial jail at Westminster, is in Victoria on business.

Have you tried

Smoking Tobacco?

WILD BEASTS FOR PETS.

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my ability to tame the fiercest of them. For two years I wandered over the Alberta plains, and spent a pleasant and instructive time. Finally I took a ranch of 500 acres on the West Coast near Shirley, but I never did much in the way of ranching, as my hobby completely engrosses my attention.

"I never feel happy or contented away from my pets. My highest ambition now is to get possession of a timber wolf, and although I have offered good sums for one, and have instructed hunters and trappers in various parts of the province to get me one, I have not been successful as yet."

Continuing his personal narrative, Mr. French said he came to Victoria about a year ago and settled where he is now a few months ago. He had sent a few animals to friends in the old country, but had never made anything as yet out of his hobby. Perhaps he would some day, but it was not actually necessary for him to do so.

Mr. French's domestic animals consist of two horses, a cow and several cats. He has trained one of his horses to do several tricks, and the intelligent animal, in response to a word of his master, showed the reporter the latest London way of shaking hands.

The animal subjects of this strange young man do not cost much to keep as they are fed on dead horse chiefly. The stench in the vicinity of the hut is simply awful, and how a well educated and intelligent man can live in the midst of it day after day, surrounded by a pack of howling curs and snorting horses is a problem the reporter is still puzzling over.

The house in itself would seem to be almost uninhabitable, but Mr. French looks strong and hearty. His habits, he explains, are exceedingly temperate.

A question arose in the reporter's mind just before leaving the premises which might possibly give rise to a little unpleasant thought to the residents in the vicinity, if it ever occurs to them. Is there any possibility of any of those wild "pets" of Mr. French's breaking out of their cages?

The question was suggested by Mr. French himself. He was riding to the city, and when a few rods from the house he wheeled his horse around like a flash, saying: "I wonder if I locked that panther's cage."

The scribe did not wait to ascertain, as just at that moment an unearthly din, suggesting almost any possible danger, arose from the direction of the menagerie. With that panther at liberty and hungry in a vicinity fairly populous the worst could not be imagined.

THE Independent Order of Foresters is growing rapidly in membership these days. Mr. James H. Falconer reports that he has secured the names of fourteen young ladies as the nucleus for a ladies' auxiliary.

Mackintoshes and Overcoats, Gloves and Mitts. B. Williams & Co.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

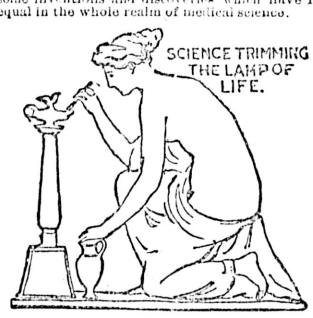
Free Trial To Any Honest Man!

The Foremost Medical Company in the World in the Cure of Weak Men Makes this Offer.

HEALTH AND ENERGY ASSURED. HAPPY MARRIAGE, GOOD TEMPER, LONG LIFE.

In all the world to-day—in all the history of the world—no doctor nor institution has treated and restored so many men as has the famed ERIE MEDICAL CO. of Buffalo, N. Y.

This is due to the fact that the company controls some inventions and discoveries which have no equal in the whole realm of medical science.



So much deception has been practiced in advertising that this grand old company now for the first time makes this startling offer:—

They will send their costly and magically effective appliance and a whole month's course of restorative remedies, **positively on trial without expense** to any honest and reliable man!

Not a dollar need be advanced—not a penny paid—till results are known to and acknowledged by the patient.

The Erie Medical Company's appliance and remedies have been talked about and written about all over the world, till every man has heard of them.

They restore or create strength, vigor, healthy tissue and new life.

They quickly stop drains on the system that sap the energy.

They cure nervousness, despondency and all the effects of evil habits, excesses, overwork, etc.

They give full strength, development and tone to every portion and organ of the body.

Failure is impossible and age is no barrier.

This "Trial without Expense" offer is limited by the company to a short time, and application must be made at once.

No C. O. D. scheme, no bogus philanthropy nor deception, no exposure—a clean business proposition by a company of high financial and professional standing.

Write to the ERIE MEDICAL COMPANY, BUFFALO, N. Y., and refer to seeing the account of their offer in this paper.

"ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY"

and I found it impossible to bring negotiations now pending with several parties for the purchase of the business en bloc to a close by 31st December as I expected. They have been too busy with their own holiday trade and have only now time to correspond fully regarding the purchase, which, as you are aware, is one of some magnitude. Pending the completion of negotiations with one or other of the parties

OUR SALE WILL CONTINUE

But I hope and expect to be out in a very short time

10 Per Cent. Off On

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

while they last

Just received 3,000 High School Cadet Exercise Books, which at 5c. each, or 50c. per dozen are grea value.

All other lines at same low prices as have characterized our closing out sale since its inception.

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THE KLONDYKE

Great **THROUGH WINTER ROUTE** From

VICTORIA TO DAWSON CITY

Under the Direction of the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Limited, of London. Capital, £250,000.

HON. SIR CHARLES TUPPER, BART., CHAIRMAN, LONDON, ENG.

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C. H. LUGRIN, - - - - - - - -
C. ASHWORTH, - - - LONDON DIRECTOR.
} VICTORIA LOCAL BOARD.

The expedition, which will be accompanied by eighty teams of horses, sleighs, and three trains of dogs, will be in charge of Hon. Edgar Dewdney ex-Minister of the Interior of Canada and ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and will be accompanied by Mr. Caldwell Ashworth, of London, a Director of the Corporation.

The expedition will proceed to Fort Wrangel on its own X 100 A 1 screw ocean steamer "Amur," or by some other suitable vessel, leaving Victoria about the 15th February.

At Wrangel it is proposed to transfer to the Stickeen River and continue the journey on the ice via Stickeen River and the villages of Glenora and Telegraph Creek, thence by snow road to Teslin Lake.

At Teslin Lake boats and scows will be built to convey the party and their outfits to Dawson City as soon as the Hootalinqua opens; that is, the expedition will follow the ice down that fine navigable stream, thereby avoiding the dangerous White Horse rapids, and arrive at Dawson City at the earliest possible date thereafter in the spring.

The plan of the Corporation is to provide shelter and good substantial food for the parties accompanying the Expedition from the day they leave Victoria until they reach the destination. While waiting at Teslin Lake for the ice to break up they will have the opportunity of prospecting the very promising ground in that vicinity. The price of the ticket covers transportation, food, shelter and the free carriage of 400 pounds baggage.

Early in January an advance party with horses will be sent up the Stickeen River to build shelters with stoves for cooking and warmth and establish supply depots.

After the Coast Range on the Stickeen River has been passed the expedition will go through a country where the snowfall is generally light and along the greater portion of which a white population has been living for some years.

The Corporation will establish trading posts at Teslin Lake, Dawson City and other Yukon points and will furnish supplies to purchasers at reasonable prices.

The price of a ticket covering the accommodations above mentioned is $500, one-half of which must be paid into the Bank of Montreal at Victoria at the time of signing the contract for transportation, the balance to be paid before the sailing of the steamer from Victoria.

As the number of persons by this route will be limited, applications should be made at once, and to secure a ticket, each applicant must, with his application forward a Post Office order for $20.00 payable to the Bank of Montreal at Victoria.

The Corporation reserves the right to select members of the expedition and will return all payments made to unsuccessful applicants.

SPECIAL RATES ON EXCESS BAGGAGE.

The provisions included in the 400 pounds of personal baggage can be purchased from the Company before leaving Victoria.

The Corporation will, at a later date, be prepared to transport passengers in their own ocean and river steamboats to the Stickeen, Yukon and Teslin Lake waters.

The Corporation is agent for Strickland & Co's specially constructed Klondyke Peterborough canoes.

ADDRESS

The Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation

30 Broad St., VICTORIA, B.C.

This corporation must not be confused with a company of nearly the same name, having its headquarters in Spokane.

HAPPY YOUTH.

"Oh, Had I Known the Value of Health—Why Did Not Some Friendly Hand Guide Me?"

THIS IS THE CRY OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN—victims of careless, reckless youth. The vital spark is dimmed by the loss of that priceless boon, nerve strength. Life seems full of trouble because the nerves are weak and the spirits depressed. Pains are felt in the back, the head is dizzy, and there are hot and cold flushes. Nervous debility is approaching.

RESTORE HAPPY YOUTH

By using Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt. Get back all the joy of youthful vigor. Feel the life bouncing through your veins and carrying ambition to your brain. There is a new pleasure in living when you are wearing Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt. It replaces the nerve strength. It pours vitality into the body for hours at a time. Thousands of young men and women owe their happiness to it. So will you. Write to Dr. Sanden, tell him of your troubles, and he will send you a book for men or for women, which will tell you how to regain vital nerve strength. Send to-day. Address

The Semi-Weekly Colonist

Is the Best Family Newspaper in the Province.

Municipal Notice.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, from 12 (noon) to 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing four persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the returning officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, in the Court-room at the City Hall, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 30th day of December, 1897.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
d31 Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1898

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be Nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room in the City Hall, aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, at Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, at the building known as No. 68, Vernon Block, Douglas street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, at No. 27 Government street (East Side), of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British Subjects, of the full age of Twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria, of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

The Persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British Subjects, of the full age of Twenty-one years, and not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the land Registry Office of Land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 30th day of December, 1897.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY CO.

Commencing Monday, November 1, 1897, the STEAMER

City of Nanaimo,

W. D. Owen, Master.

will sail as follows, calling at way ports as freight and passengers may offer:

Leave Victoria, Monday, 7 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Comox, Tuesday 7 a.m.
" Comox for Nanaimo, Thursday, 8 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Victoria, Friday, 7 a.m.

For freight or staterooms apply on board, or at the Company's ticket office, Victoria Station, Store street. no15-tf

C. P. Navigation Co. Ld.

TIME TABLE NO. 32.
Takes effect January 4th, 1898.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 1 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. And for Skidgate on first of each month.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Tees leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 15th and 30th of each month.

ALASKA ROUTE.

Steamers leave weekly for Wrangel, Juneau, Dyea and Skagway.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager.
G. A. CARLETON, General Agent, Victoria.

OCEANIC Steamship Company. S.S. AUSTRALIA for Honolulu only, Tuesday, Jan. 25th, at 2 p.m. S. S. MOANA sails via Honolulu & Auckland for Sydney, Thursday Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. Line to Coolgardie, Australia, and Capetown, S. Africa.

J. D. SPRECKELS & BROS. CO., Agents, San Francisco.
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The Only All-Rail Route, without change of cars, between Spokane, Rossland and Nelson. Also between Nelson and Rossland.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY:

Leave.		Arrive.
7:00 a.m.	Spokane	7:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	Rossland	3:25 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Nelson	5:20 p.m.

Close connections at Nelson with steamer for Kaslo and all Kootenay Lake Points.

Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek connect at Marcus with stage daily.

FROM LIVERPOOL

The British steamer

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Will sail for VICTORIA about the END OF JANUARY, 1898. *For freight rates and other information apply to*

R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.

PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP CO.,

The Company's elegant steamers *City of Puebla, Walla Walla* and *Umatilla*, carrying H.B.M. Mails, leave *Victoria, B.C.*, for San Francisco, at 8 P.M., Dec. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, Jan. 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, Feb. 3, 8 13, 18, 23, 28. Due at San Francisco 7 A.M., Dec 8, 13, 18, 23, 28, Jan. 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, Feb 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, Mar. 3. Leave *San Francisco* for Victoria, B.C., at 9 A.M Dec. 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, Jan. 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, Feb. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 Due at Victoria, 4 A.M., Dec. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, Jan. 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, Feb. 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28.

The elegant steamers *Corona* and *City of Topeka* leave *Victoria* for Alaska Dec. 6, 11, 21, 26, Jan. 5 10, 20, 25, Feb. 4, 9, 19, 24. Due back at Victoria Dec. 18, 23, Jan. 2, 7, 17, 22, Feb 1, 6, 16, 21 Mar 3, 8.

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Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry

TIME TABLE No. 29,

To take effect at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1897. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH—READ DOWN.

	Daily	Sat'day
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	A.M. 9:00	P.M. 3:00
Ar. Nanaimo	12:15	6:11
Ar. Wellington	12:40	6:30

GOING SOUTH—READ UP.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Ar. Victoria	12:07	7:00
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:51	8:48
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:30	3:30

For rates and information apply at Company's offices.

A. DUNSMUIR, President. JOSEPH HUNTER, Gen'l Supt.
H. K. PRIOR, General Freight and Passenger Agent.
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Licence authorising an Extra-Provincial Company to Carry on Business.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
No. 24-'97.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the Legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at 23 Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No. 30 Broad Street, Victoria, and Caldwell Ashworth, gentleman and free miner, of same address, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are—

(*a*) To acquire in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by purchase, lease, concession, exchange or otherwise, mining property, claims, water rights, and also including lands, mines, mining rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals and rendering them marketable metals, including also all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or supposed to be useful in mining, milling, treating or reducing ores or minerals, and any concessions, grants, decrees, claims, rights or privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of any such concessions, grants, decrees, claims, or privileges.

(*b*) To carry on all kinds of exploration business and, in particular in relation to mines and minerals, to seek for and secure openings for capital, and with a view to any of the objects aforesaid, to prospect, enquire, examine, explore and test, and to despatch and employ expeditions, commissions, experts or other agents. To establish and carry on general stores and to manufacture, import, export, purchase and sell articles for sale therein in Canada, England or elsewhere, and carry on any works in connection therewith, and to carry on business as traders, merchants, storekeepers, general dealers, brokers, hotel, restaurant, cafe, tavern, beerhouse and refreshment room keepers, licensed victuallers, wine and spirit merchants, proprietors of clubs, baths, places of amusement and shops, tobacco and cigar merchants, carriage builders, wheelwrights, horsedealers, newspaper proprietors, booksellers, printers, publishers, stationers, miners, farmers, stockmen, graziers, carriers, builders and contractors, brickmakers and any kindred trade or business which may be conveniently carried on in connection therewith, and all kinds of agency business and any other kind of business which seems calculated directly or indirectly to further the working and development of any concession, rights or property of the Company or otherwise benefit the Company.

(*c*) To carry on all kinds of promotion business and in particular to form, constitute, float, lend money to, assist and control any companies, partnerships, associations, or undertakings whatsoever.

(*d*) To acquire by purchase, lease, license, or otherwise, absolutely or conditionally, the rights, either generally or exclusively, over any area or areas of or in all or any patent rights or processes or mechanical or other contrivances useful or supposed to be useful for any of the purposes of the Company, and to deal with or dispose of the same or any interest therein respectively.

(*e*) To lay out towns, and villages, on the lands acquired or controlled by the Company, and to construct, maintain, alter, make and work railways, tramways, telegraph lines, canals, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotels, boarding houses, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas and water works, piers, wharves, buildings, machinery and other works and appliances of every nature and description, which may be expedient or useful or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing, and carrying on, and working the same.

(*f*) To carry on any business, the carrying on of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.

(*g*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Company.

(*h*) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands and hereditaments by building, planting, clearing, mining, and otherwise dealing with the same, and to stock the same or other lands, to cut and to sell timber, and generally to mine and carry on all sorts of mining operations in the Dominion of Canada, or any other part of the globe.

(*i*) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, settle, improve, colonize, farm, and cultivate lands and hereditaments in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere.

(*j*) To stock the same or other lands, and to breed and deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep and produce.

(*k*) To work and carry on all or any mines, works and properties from time to time in possession of the said Company in such manner as the directors for the time being may determine; to erect all necessary mills and machinery, and appliances, smelting works, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses and other buildings; construct, maintain, and alter canals, railways, watercourses, tramways, telegraph lines, or any other lines or system of communication whether by telegram, telephone, phonograph, phonophone, or otherwise, by electricity or by pneumatic force or otherwise, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, gas and water works, drainage works, irrigation works, wharves, piers, and other works of every nature and description, purchase, rent, hire, or charter wagons, steam or sailing ships, to enter into and carry out such contracts and arrangements as may be deemed necessary and desirable to enable the Company to carry on its business and for the general conduct and management of its affairs and the doing of all such other things as may be found incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, whether in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere.

(*l*) To buy, sell, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects capable of being used or required by the Company or its workmen, or by any other persons who may settle on the property of the Company, or by others, and for that purpose to carry on the business of a general shopkeeper or merchant.

(*m*) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair, let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds. To carry on the business of carriers by land and water.

(*n*) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government, British, Colonial or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions.

(*o*) To obtain any act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or foreign legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect.

(*p*) To promote, form and register other Companies, in England or in any Colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for all or any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum, or for advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, and to take or otherwise acquire and to underwrite and hold shares, debentures or other securties in or of any such company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such company.

(*q*) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.

(*r*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such Company. To aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly societies.

(*s*) To carry on all kinds of financial or banking business, and in particular to negotiate loans and advances, to offer for subscription, place, buy, deal in, make merchantable, sell and dispose of ores, minerals, goods, bullion, specie, and valuables of all kinds, and merchandise generally in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain, or elsewhere, and to receive money on deposit, and to collect revenue of all kinds.

(*t*) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, where necessary. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.

(*u*) To make, accept, endorse and execute, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. To lend money, and in particular to persons having dealing with the Company. To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future) including its uncalled capital or any specified portion thereof. To guarantee the performance of contracts by members of, or persons having dealings with the Company.

(*v*) To acquire patent rights and privileges in the United Kingdom or any other country or colony or state for any purposes deemed to be useful for the Company, and to resell the same or turn the same to account by manufacturing thereunder, granting licenses or otherwise.

(*w*) To lend money to any company, partnership, person, or association upon security of their or his undertaking, property, estate, assets, and effects, or any part thereof, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, and to take such security either in the shape of mortgages, mortgage debentures, or in any other form, or to lend money in Canada or Great Britain or elsewhere with or without security. To make donations to such persons and in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purposes, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general, or useful object.

(*x*) To pay the costs, charges, and expenses of, or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up.

(*y*) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any colony or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any colony or foreign state.

(*z*) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in partnership or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or guaranteeing or underwriting capital for the Company or otherwise.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
de14 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No 11-'97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Star Exploring and Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Terre Haute, State of Indiana, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $50,000, divided into shares of the par value of $1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in Victoria, and E. E. Wootton, Barrister and Solicitor, whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established and registered are: Mining, leasing, buying or selling mineral lands or mining properties, buying or selling mineral ores or mining materials, and the working and operating of mines and the reducing or smelting of ores, and the doing of all that may be necessary to carry on a mining business.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of December 1897.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. G. Smith Deputy Attorney-General

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the tenth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By command,
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

ASSESSMENT ACT.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City:—At 51 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 10th and Tuesday 11th days of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak, on Friday, the 7th day of January, 1898, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 8th day of January, 1898, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 31st day of December, 1897, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar, known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts;—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 6th day of Dec. 1897.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY CO.

NOTICE.

To prospectors, miners and holders of mineral claims on unoccupied land within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company land grant *FOR ONE YEAR ONLY* from the date of this notice the Railway Company will sell their rights to all minerals (excepting coal and iron) and the surface rights of mineral claims, at the price of $5.00 per acre. Such sales will be subject to all other reservations contained in conveyances from the Company prior to this date. One half of the purchase money to be paid ten days after recording the claim with the Government, and a duplicate of the record to be filed in the Company's Land Office, Victoria, on payment of the first instalment. The balance of the purchase money to be paid in two equal instalments, at the expiration of six and twelve months without interest. Present holders of minerals claims who have not previously made other arrangements with the Company for acquiring surface and mineral rights, are hereby notified to at once make the first payment on their claims, as otherwise they will be deemed and treated as trespassers.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C., June 1st, 1897. je5

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Leave Nanaimo Monday, 1 p.m., for Fernwood, Ganges Harbor, Beaver Point, Fulford Harbor and Victoria.

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ELECTION CARDS.

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as candidate for Mayor at the ensuing Municipal Election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election

Previous to the date of election, I will, by public notice, call you together to place before you my views in municipal matters.

de18 JOSEPH WESTROP CAREY.

To the Electors of North Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of ratepayers I have consented to become a candidate for election as Alderman for your ward, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

ja4 THOS. BRADBURY.

For Alderman.

To the Electors of North Ward:

In offering myself again as a candidate to represent you in the City Council, I trust that my record as Alderman during the past year has met with your approval, and that I may count upon your support at the coming election.

j4 JOHN KINSNAN.

To the Electors of the Central Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of ratepayers, I offer myself as a candidate for re-election as Alderman for Central Ward, trusting that my action in the Council for the past met with your approval, I would ask for a continuation of your influence and support

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THE GRAU OPERA COMPANY.

Again a Good House and a Thoroughly Pleasing Performance.

The Grau Opera Company earned further popularity by their presentation of the Chimes of Normandy last evening to an audience who well filled the Victoria theatre. The favorite on this occasion was easily Miss Mary Carrington, who acted very prettily the modest part of Gaspard's niece, her charming voice and graceful manner making a captivating combination. Miss Fanny Myers very happily sustained the amusing part of the foundling temporarily promoted to be Marchioness and Duchess. Mr. Stanley Felch, in his character of the Bailee, made the most of the opportunity it afforded of amusing the house, and a few local hits added interest to the proceedings. The tenor, Mr. Martin Pache, again found cordial approval, and as Gaspard, Mr. Gilbert Clayton was as unloveable as a miser ought to be. On the whole it was a very acceptable presentation. The past three nights have proved the capability of the company and the theatre-going public are justified in looking forward to something well worth seeing when to-night Il Trovatore is presented, "at popular prices for the first time in Victoria."

PERSONAL.

Howard Chapman left for Kootenay this morning.

H. C. Colver, of Seattle, is registered at the Victoria.

D. J. Macdonell, arrived from Vancouver last night.

Dr. D. M. Foster, of Pembroke, is registered at the Driard.

Samuel Reid arrived home yesterday from a visit to Puget Sound.

A. P. Judge, arrived in the city last night by the steamer Charmer.

James McNab, fishery inspector at Westminster, is visiting in the city.

A. H. Wallbridge, of Vancouver, arrived by last night's Charmer and is at the Hotel Victoria.

Captains Urion and Spencer, came over from the Sound by the City of Kingston yesterday.

C. Dubois Mason, city solicitor, who has been in Vancouver on legal business, returned last evening.

R. Marpole, H. J. Cambie and Geo. McL. Brown, of the C.P.R., are in town, and staying at the Driard.

Capt. Garland, of North Bend, and Chas. S. Allman, of Kaslo, are among the recent arrivals at the Dominion.

C. B. McNeill and S. O. Richards, mainland lawyers, are visiting the city on legal business.

M. Young, proprietor of the New England, has returned after a brief visit to the Mainland.

W. Scromber, Minneapolis; C. A. Fore, of Cripple Creek, Colorado and H. A. Kyer, Seattle, are guests at the Victoria hotel.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—A N Barron, F H Wodder, F A Seaman, W L Scofinall, Miss Brandler, H A Kyer, L N Muller, Paul Kauffman, G Allen, S C White, Chas Butler, Capt E W Spencer, Mrs Rowland, C Baker, Mrs Jensen, E Parker, G Tabor, P Conclaire, G N Scully, Capt Urion, J Bohlen, A Simon and wife, S Reid, M Walfleerger, and L Reader.

Per steamer CHARMER from Vancouver—J Marpole, Geo McL Brown, J A Thomson, H J Cambie, Mrs Waller, Jas Macaulay, J Shallcross, Miss Carr, Miss Harvey, Miss Green, C B McNeill, A Prescott, J D Breeze, D McGillvary, S O Richards, Jno McNabb, H B Lund, J H Russell, A H Wallbridge, F Young, L Jones, Nurse Allice, Ethel Flower, M Olson, M Mayer, J M McGregor, C D Mason, A Lee, A J McCardie, M Young, G A Strickland, Miss Cormack, Jas Cates, Geo Aswell, A P Judge, D J Macdonald, Mrs G Wilson, Mrs Moffat, Geo Fendlater, J M Macdonald, and Miss Fletcher.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—McLennan & McF, Albion Iron Wks, A H Wallridge, F Black, S Leiser, C Clark, Gilmore & McC, T Nolte, B C Iron Wks, H Mansell, Langley & H Bros, J A Pykes, Geo Maynard, J Johnstone, Fred Norris, J Fullerton, Legislative Library, Vict Gas Co, – Ledingham, J Belyana, D E Campbell, A McGregor & Co, P T Patton, Wm Hodge, H E Levy, P W Dempster, McKillican & A, Wm Marble, A C Berdick, J Meston, E Cook, L Goodacre, B C Mill Co, Lenz & Leiser, J C Nicholson, W C Fates, J Taylor, A Holmes, P McQuade & Son, W G Wilson, W G Cameron, Hickman Tye Hdw Co, T N Hibben & Co, Moore & Co, Vaio & Brooks, and J H Todd.

Per steamer CHARMER from Vancouver—J L Beckwith, Thomas Bros & G, Okell & M, Turner B & Co, J Hutcheson, Todd & Son, Weiler Bros, S Reid, D Spencer, Erskine W & Co, L Dickinson, J Sommers, A B Erskine, E J Saunders, G A Richardson, R Ward & Co, F J Claxton, H L Salmon, F Wood, Martin & R, H B Co, E J Smith, Parsons Produce Co, Mrs F Hall, B C Furniture Co, Johns Bros, Colonist, F R Stewart, Vic Chem Wks, Lenz & Leiser, H T Englehardt, Hibben & Co, Muirhead & M, Pither & Leiser, G C Shaw & Co, Wilson Bros, Naval Storekeeper, A C Flumerfelt, E B Marvin, Bank B N A, Jas Freel, Giant Powder Co, Albion Iron Wks, Rithet & Co, J Johnson, Langley & H Bros, J Fullerton, Mrs E Frank, T Earle, Piercy & Co, S Marks, Simon Leiser, Ames Holden Co, Gilmore & McC, Province, W Oya, F V Hobbs, G S Wilkinson, J Market, C M Cookson, Singer Mfg Co, G C Hinton, and Dom Exp Co.

Although a very busy man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., has found time in which to write a great book of over a thousand pages entitled, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in Plain English, or Medicine Simplified. Few books printed in the English language have reached so great a sale as has this popular work, over 680,000 copies having been sold at $1.50 each. The profits on this enormous sale having repaid its author for the great amount of labor and money expended on its production he has now decided to give away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this valuable book, the recipient only being required to mail to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., of which company he is president, thirty-one (31) one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. It contains 1,008 large pages, and over 300 illustrations, some of them in colors. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at $1.50, except only that the books are bound in strong manilla paper covers, instead of cloth. It is not often that our readers have an opportunity to obtain a valuable book on such generous terms, and we predict that few will miss availing themselves of the unusual and liberal offer to which we have called their attention.

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	43°	Mean 41°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	38°		5 a.m.—2 W.
9 a.m..	36°	Highest 46°	1 p.m.—8 W.
1 p.m..	46°		9 p.m.—4 N.
5 p.m..	42°	Lowest 34°	Rain—.00
9 p.m..	40°		Cloudy.
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Barometer 9 m.... {Observed..... 30.224 {Reduced 30.196

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That Bogie in Sealskin Must Not Enter the Land of the Free.

Legislation Run Mad and Its Latest Exposition—Sacques for Officialdom.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—There is trouble in store for anyone—man, woman or child—who hereafter attempts to enter the United States wearing anything made of sealskin. The instructions issued by the Treasury department to collectors at the different ports of entry are of the strictest possible kind. No garment of seal, unless it bears the Pribyloff Island stamp, will be admitted to the country, no matter whether the garment was originally purchased in America or not.

A lady who arrived here yesterday from Great Britain on the Aurania wore a sealskin sacque that had been purchased in London. At first the customs inspector told her that she would have to take the jacket off, and that it would be confiscated. Of course the lady was indignant and there was a lively scene. The matter was referred to Collector Bidwell.

It was then decided that as the lady had left London and was on her way to America prior to December 29, the date of the coming into force of the new regulations, she was allowed to retain her jacket. Collector Bidwell stated that hereafter it would be mandatory for customs officers to send to the public stores all sealskin garments, whether on consignment or on their owners' backs.

NOTES OF SPORT.

Citizen Soldiers to Oppose the Navy—Ladies at the Golf Links.

The Fifth Regiment Rugby team to meet the Navy on the Canteen grounds on Saturday will be composed of: Full back, Holmes; three-quarters, Scholefield, Foulkes (captain), Gamble, Haines, Holmes, Patton and Johnstone; forwards, Langley, Schwengers, Futcher, Trimen, Hibben, Pemberton, Browne and Cornwall. The team take the 2:30 p.m. car from Campbell's corner.

The regular monthly meeting of the Y.M.C.A. basket ball clubs will be held at the club hall, Fort street, to-night at 7:30. All members of both clubs should attend.

The second of the ladies' monthly medal competitions of the Victoria Golf Club will be played at the links, Oak Bay, to-morrow. Those who intend playing will kindly enter their names and score in the book kept for that purpose in the club house.

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DUTY PLAYS A PART.

One Reason for the Docking of the Cleveland at Tacoma Instead of Esquimalt.

An interesting point brought out in connection with the suggestion that the steamer Cleveland be docked in Esquimalt for repairs has come to light. The Cleveland required a new shaft, which is being made for her in San Francisco. She will be obliged to put this in when in dock, and if the work had been done here her owners would have been put to the necessity of paying duty. This expense, it is said, caused her to go over the Sound to be docked.

The Northern Pacific Railway office here was yesterday informed that the steamer Ocean Wave would be at Victoria on time, in place of the City of Kingston to-day. The change is announced to continue for a week, but there is an opinion prevailing that it will continue longer.

The sealer Director, Captain F. N. Gilbert, cleared for a spring cruise yesterday. She will carry a full white crew, numbering twenty-three men in all.

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" Cleveland..... " Tacoma.
Schr. Director..... " N.P.O.
" Lulu..... " Elgin Bay.

FISHERMEN'S FORTUNE.

The Hard Experience of Two of the Victoria Colony Off Discovery Island.

An exciting accident occurred off Discovery island late on Tuesday night, but fortunately not attended with any loss of life. A fishing smack belonging to D. Chungranes, a Government street fish dealer, and manned by two Greek fishermen, was going out from port on one of its regular excursions, and when opposite the island shipped a sea and capsized. The men were thrown into water and given no chance for life save by swimming. All this happened about half-past ten at night, and at the time the boat stood in well toward shore.

The waters, however, were icy cold, and those who are acquainted with the shore line of Vancouver island know that this particular spot is none too hospitable a point for mariners to be cast upon, especially when a heavy tide rip causes the surf to run mad all along the locality. Yet through all this lay the struggle which the men had for life. A fisherman, however, above all other mariners, is never fazed by such trials, and the two Greeks promptly struck out for the foamy shoreline. Neither was injured in the hard experience, and early yesterday morning, as if accustomed to such things, they set out again in another sloop to look for the one they had lost. Nothing in the wrecked sloop was saved, and even the fishing tackle which it contained will, it is thought, not be recovered.

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"BABES IN THE WOOD."

To-Night Witnesses the Production of This Burlesque Extravaganza at A. O. U. W. Hall.

Judging from the great number of tickets already sold, a large and fashionable audience will witness the performance of the burlesque extravaganza "Babes in the Wood," to be held in the A. O. U. W. hall to-night. This play has been in rehearsal for some time, and without doubt will be a grand success. Following is the programme:

PART I.
Tableaux Vivants.

PART II.
"Babes in the Wood."

Sir Rowland Macassar, the remorseless "Uncle," in whose care his elder brother has left his "pledges"....
.....Mr. Robert Powell
Sir Roderick } Youths of good presence
Sir Rupert..} and inferior parts
..... {Mr. Sidney Powell
..... {..Mr. Jack Brown
Tommy} Sir Rowland's nephew and niece,
Sally...} very dreadful children indeed.
..... {Mr. Thomas Pooley
..... {...Mr. Bryan Drake
Smith [the first ruffian—a mysterious creature, who eventually proves to be by no means so black as he is painted].....Mr. Cecil Berkeley
Brown [the second ruffian—a villain of a deeper dye]....Mr. Stanley Johnston
The Family Physician.....
.....Mr. Darrel Hanington
Lady Macassar [Sir Rowland's aider and a better half—who, although she allows him no will of his own, assists him in appropriating his brother's].....Miss Adelaide King
Miss Jones [Nursery Governess].....
.....Miss Eliza King
The Queen of the Fairy Birds.....
.....Miss Violet Hickey
Fairies—Misses Gillian and Joan Scaife, King, Engelhardt, Irving and Perry.
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